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-LIBYA SAYS RUMORS OF KHADAFY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PLANTED BY CIA

LONDON -(DJ)--LIBYA'S STATE-RUN NEWS AGENCY SAID TUESDAY THAT RUMORS OF AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST LIBYAN LEADER MUHAMMAD KHADAFY THAT SPREAD THROUGH WORLD CAPITALS DURING THE DAY HAD BEEN PLANTED BY U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

+THESE RUMORS, SPREAD BY THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WITH DEVILOUSNESS AND REFLECTING A VENEMOUS AND EVIL MENTALITY, WERE RECEIVED IN TRIPOLI WITH LAUGHTER AND RIDICULE,+ SAID THE POLITICAL EDITOR OF THE JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY IN A DISPATCH SENT BY TELEX TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LONDON. THE EDITOR'S NAME WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TELEX.

THE DISPATCH SAID +THE LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION (KHADAFY) THIS EVENING RECEIVED TORGUT OZAL, THE TURKISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, (AND) DR. ABDULWAHAB MAHMOUD, THE PERSONAL ENVOY OF THE YEMENI PRESIDENT ALI ABDULNASSER SALEH.+

EARLIER TUESDAY, FORMER FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN FRANCOIS-PONCET DENIED REPORTS HE DISCUSSED WITH U.S. OFFICIALS A PLAN TO ASSASSINATE KHADAFY, WHO WESTERN NATIONS BELIEVE GIVES EXTENSIVE SUPPORT TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS. THE ALLEGED DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF REPORT IN THE U.S. NEWS MAGAZINE TIME.

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